

**Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2022**  
**Zoom**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Present**

Councillor, D Roberts, Chair  
Councillor M Farrell  
Deputy Mayor A. Murray  
N. Haverkort, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator (outgoing)  
T. Williams, Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Co-ordinator (incoming)  
K. O'Handley, Eastern Region Solid Waste Compliance Officer  
L. Crowley, Business Owner, Landlord Association  
A. Starr, Business Owner, Recircle  
D. Halfpenny, Engineering & Planning Administrative Assistant

**Absent with regrets:**

D. Campbell, StFX Representative

**Call to Order**

The Chair, Councillor D. Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by A. Murray seconded by M. Farrell to approve the February 9, 2022 agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by M. Farrell and seconded by A. Murray to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021, meeting.

**Business Arising from Minutes**

**Recircle**

Recircle owner A. Starr advised that the launch of his business has been delayed due to an increase in occupational and health and safety requirements. He noted that it has been a good learning experience for him and that a set date for the official launch will be circulated when the final details fall into place.

**Waste Bylaw**

D. Roberts reported that the waste bylaw has been sent for legal vetting and that she will follow up with S. Scannell at the end of the month to see if the legal opinion has been received.

N. Haverkort stated that she had spoken to S. Scannell prior to the Waste Bylaw being sent to the legal to relay the Landlords Association concerns. She noted that S. Scannell had

advised that the Landlords association could reach out to him if they had any further concerns.

L. Crowley commented that he had also spoken to S. Scannell.

D. Roberts stated that once the legal review has been completed, she would add Waste Bylaw on to the agenda for further discussion.

### **Cigarette Butts and Litter**

D. Roberts stated that this matter will be revisited in the Spring. She noted that a personal visit to the business will be arranged with herself and the mayor. She commented that K. Gorman may be contacted to create a handout for the merchants.

### **Mobius Award Champion**

D. Roberts reiterated that the OR team at St Martha's Hospital will be invited to attend a Council Meeting when the pandemic restrictions are updated to allow for in person meetings. She advised it is important for the Waste Management Committee and the Town Council to acknowledge the great job the OR Green Team has been doing to keep blue sterile textiles out of the landfill.

### **Community Bin**

N. Haverkort advised that the funding program has not been used for this term and that there is \$1000 available to a Community Group to purchase a sorting station. She commented that if it isn't used this term, it will be renewed, and a new application will be in place for April 1, 2022. She noted that this is not to be confused with the MAP program funding that is available to Municipalities to purchase additional sorting stations.

M. Farrell asked if the application for the Community Bin program could be sent to committee members as she had a couple of groups that may be interested.

N. Haverkort will send the information to committee members for the Community Bin program.

Deputy Mayor A. Murry reminded the Waste Committee members that the Community Enhancement Committee has been tasked with creating a cohesive plan to look at the design of any replacement waste cans and that he has it on the agenda for upcoming meetings.

### **Seacan**

N. Haverkort stated that there have been some delays and that the ERSWM Coordinator will advise when the CACL Seacan is in operation.

### **New Business**

#### **Status of Coordinator Position ERSWM**

Chair, D. Roberts reported that N. Haverkort has accepted a new position with Eastern GFL and expressed her heartfelt regret that the Waste Management would be losing a key member.

Committee members acknowledged N. Haverkort's leadership and professionalism.

D. Roberts welcomed incoming ERSWM Coordinator, Tanya Williams.

T. Williams provided a brief introduction to her skill set. She stated that she is looking forward to her new role. She noted that she is fortunate to have a cross over period with N. Haverkort to get familiar with the daily tasks and programs.

Committee Members welcomed T Williams.

D. Roberts advised that when in person Council meetings are resumed N. Haverkort will be invited to attend. The Town will be able to formal acknowledge her hard work and dedication. T. Williams will also be invited to meet council.

## **Education and Compliance Report**

### **Litter Pick Up**

N. Haverkort advised that funds had been dispersed to the community groups involved with the Town Clean ups. She noted that this model of having Community groups involved in the town clean ups will be used in the future. She reported that the Antigonish Fuel Fund had participated in two clean ups and received \$966.00 with the remaining funds going to Antigonish County Transit, Antigonish Community Living, and the Antigonish Food Bank.

### **EPR Update**

N. Haverkort stated that a 90-day consultation period is underway for EPR and will be completed on April 11, 2022. She advised that the proposal is being updated to include schools, apartment sector, home from commercial establishments. She noted that she didn't see any issues going forward. The official letter from the province will be forward to the Waste Committee members when received by T. Williams.

### **MERF**

N. Haverkort commented that with the MERF contract is set to expire in March there has been a renewal offer for a 2-year extension but that it will see a substantial increase in costs. She noted that with the EPR program being 2 to 3 years away there are no other real options at this point. She advised that Pictou and East Hants are exploring the renewal option but that until they receive the official document from Colchester, they are still looking for options.

Compliance Officer Report - K. O' Handley commented that he has enjoyed working with N. Haverkort and that she was a great boss. He wished her well in her new position and noted that he looked forward to interacting with her in her new role at GFL.

He welcomed T. Williams as the new Coordinator for the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management.

K. O'Handley reported he has completed eight landfill inspections which included: 1 ICI load, 6

STFX loads and 1 Antigonish residential load inspection.

K. O'Handley noted that GFL had complained of a residence that put out a large number of bags on College Street. He had spoken to GFL to remind them that there isn't a bag limit. However, he will be providing the Civic number to the Town to determine if there are more than four units at the property.

K O' Handley reported that there were many unsorted bags of garbage illegally dumped on a property. He advised that there was a security camera near the property but unfortunately not working at the time of the incident. He had GFL take the bags.

In a response to M. Farrell concerning the status of potential issuing of a summary offense penalty to two businesses in Town, K. O'Handley advised that he will be meeting with Town Bylaw enforcement officers, S. Smith, and J. Pellerin, and then all three of them will be paying a visit to the owner. A fine will be eminent as numerous visits and attempts to educate followed by several verbal warnings, and a written warning have been received by the businesses.

K O' Handley advised that he had provided educational material to a homeowner who was improperly sorting. He will monitor to see if there is improvement.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Education and Compliance Report.  
Motion Carried.

### **Antigonish Landlords Association Report**

L. Crowley reported that due to the increased Covid restrictions and other matters the Antigonish Landlords Association have not held a meeting since his last report.

N. Haverkort commented that the refrigerator magnets to promote the sorting app are ordered and that the printed material for the landlords is ready.

L. Crowley thanked N. Haverkort for all her assistance and wished her well with her new position.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Education and Compliance Report.  
Motion Carried.

Councillor M Farrell asked to add an additional item to the meeting agenda concerning Green Bin pick up extension for the summer weekly pick up.

The Chair reminded M. Farrell that the Residential Waste Pick up contract has been completed for the next five years.

### **Motion**

A motion was made by Councillor M. Farrell and seconded by Deputy Mayor A. Murray, the Waste Management recommend to Council to have the CAO direct staff be to determine the cost of extending the green bin summer pick up from May 10<sup>th</sup> until October 15<sup>th</sup>. **Motion carried.**

**Next Meeting Date**

Next Waste Meeting Wednesday, TBD the Chair will advise.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10: 41 a.m.**